

**future...**I am currently job hunting and have had one interview so far, and the search continues. I am a firm believer that whatever happens was meant to be. Though I haven't been actively playing since 1991, I have been fortunate to serve as Minister of Music for my church in Bowie. As with any volunteer group, there are moments of frustration, but there are also moments of great joy and a feeling of accomplishment. We have recorded a CD featuring some original compositions, and I am blessed to have some outstanding musicians with which to work.

**hobbies...**I love to read, watch good movies and eat good food with good wine. Of course one of my passions has been physical fitness, and for a geezer I'm in pretty good shape. As many of my retired friends have told me, "there is life after the Navy," and I can't wait to find out!

U.S. NAVY BAND & SPECIALTY UNITS  
2004 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following **FREE** concerts. For more information call (202) 433-2525.

U.S. CAPITOL (West Side)		
MONDAYS, JUNE 7 - AUGUST 30 AT 8 P.M.		
June	7,	Navy Band
	14,	Navy Band
	21,	Navy Band
	28,	Commodores

July	12,	Country Current
	19,	Commodores
	26,	Navy Band

August	2,	Cruisers
	9,	Navy Band
	16,	Navy Band
	23,	Country Current
	30,	Commodores

NAVY MEMORIAL 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.		
TUESDAYS, JUNE 8 - AUGUST 31 AT 8 P.M.		
June	8,	U.S. Marine Band
	15,	Navy Band
	22,	Navy Band
	29,	Country Current

July	6,	Country Current
	13,	Commodores
	20,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	27,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers

August	3,	U.S. Coast Guard Band
	10,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	17,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	24,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	31,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers

SPECIAL CONCERTS

“Memorial Day Concert”  
Navy Memorial  
Monday, May 31 at 8 p.m.  
Navy Band & Sea Chanters

“Labor Day Concert”  
Navy Memorial  
Monday, September 6 at 8 p.m.  
Navy Band & Sea Chanters

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## National Tours - National Pride Navy Band Spurs Patriotic Fervor

The reviews are in. National tours are an unqualified success. Hear the admiration of a grateful nation in the words of our tour audiences. They were responding to our performances “on the road.” Captain Ralph M. Gambone and the men and women of The United States Navy Band thank you, and we dedicate this article to you, our audience patrons and fellow citizens.

“Thanks again for providing the citizens of this great nation with a great example of the excellence of our military. I am so proud to be an American.” Jon Daniels from Monticello, Miss.

“They are wonderful ambassadors for the Navy and for America.” Gary and Sharon Vasher from the “Country Current” country-bluegrass group concert near Tega Cay, S.C.

“Your concerts are an outstanding extension of all the positive attributes of service to our country. I cannot imagine a more effective way to reach the public face-to-

face on a large scale.” Dennis W. Evans from the “Commodores” jazz ensemble concert in Kinston, N.C.

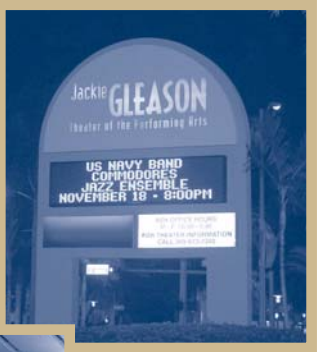
“...the U.S. Navy Band that played today is ‘like the Blue Angels of Music.’ The precision, professionalism and quality of this band stirs the ‘patriotic soul.’ ...They made me proud to



be an American and former U.S. Navy member.” Gary Adams from the Navy Band concert at the University of North Texas in Denton.



Sharing music is our joy. Doing so in uniform is our honor. Many communities honor us at performances. Such demonstrations are exhilarating and humbling at the same time. Captain Gambone or any of our unit leaders could relate an experience similar to Senior Chief Randy Mattson’s. As



leader of the Commodores, he happened to relate such an event on November 12, 2003 in a message to Tour Operations Chief, Master Chief Musician Robert C. Snider. “I don’t know if we’ve ever had as

gracious a reception as we did tonight in Sumter...they welcomed us with cheering, open arms. Before the concert, the Mayor and City Council presented us with proclamations stating that today was ‘Navy Commodores Jazz Band Day’ in Sumter, then gave us a very large framed version of two local newspaper articles about the Commodores...Before the concert the presenting announcer got everyone on their feet cheering – half patriotic rally and half welcome to the Navy...Not only is Sumter home to Shaw AFB, but also to thousands of military retirees. They are very enthusiastic for anything ‘military’ and go all-out to support military music...A local Junior AFROTC presented the colors and MU1 Yolanda Harvin sang the anthem. ‘America, the Beautiful’ was a fitting climax to

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## Performance Calendar

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**MAY  
NAVY BAND**  
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 8 P.M.  
North County High School  
10 E. First Ave.  
Ferndale, Md.

**FRIDAY, MAY 14, 8 P.M.**  
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts\*  
801 Chase St.  
Annapolis, Md.  
\*For **FREE** ticket information call (410) 263-5544.

**FRIDAY, MAY 21, 7:30 P.M.**  
Langley High School  
6520 Georgetown Pike  
McLean, Va.

**MONDAY, MAY 31, 8 P.M.**  
“Memorial Day Concert”  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**SEA CHANTERS**  
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 3 P.M.  
Oakdale Emory United  
Methodist Church  
3425 Emory Church Road  
Olney, Md.

**COMMODORES**  
THURSDAY, MAY 6, NOON  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**CRUISERS**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, NOON  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**THURSDAY, MAY 27, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**“HARBOR WINDS”  
clarinet quartet**  
SATURDAY, MAY 15, 3 P.M.  
St. Mary’s County Memorial Library  
21766 FDR Blvd.  
Lexington Park, Md.

**JUNE  
NAVY BAND**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 8 P.M.  
Potomac Festivals International  
Euphonium and Tuba Competition  
Potomac Music Academy at  
George Mason University  
Center for the Arts Concert Hall  
Fairfax, Va.

**NAVY BAND &  
SEA CHANTERS**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 4 P.M.  
Harborplace Amphitheater  
Baltimore, Md.

**SEA CHANTERS**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, NOON  
National Museum of American History  
Flag Hall  
14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 7 P.M.**  
Department of Recreation Theater  
4010 Randolph Road  
Silver Spring, Md.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 7 P.M.**  
William A. Humbert Amphitheater  
39 Hickory Ave.  
Bel Air, Md.

**COMMODORES**  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 7:30 P.M.  
Friendship Heights Village Center  
4433 S. Park Ave.  
Chevy Chase, Md.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 7:30 P.M.**  
Carter Barron Amphitheatre  
Rock Creek Park  
16th St. and Colorado Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 7 P.M.**  
Cabin John Regional Park  
7400 Tuckerman Lane  
Rockville, Md.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 7 P.M.**  
Springettsbury Township Park  
1501 Mount Zion Road  
York, Pa.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 8 P.M.**  
Blackrock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive  
Germantown, Md.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 3 P.M.**  
McLean Community Center  
Old Dominion Drive  
and Dolly Madison Blvd.  
McLean, Va.

**COUNTRY  
CURRENT**  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 7:30 P.M.  
Lee District Park  
6601 Telegraph Road  
Franconia, Va.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17, NOON**  
“Jubilee Day”  
Market Street Music  
13 E. Main St.  
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 7 P.M.**  
Blue Ridge Music Center  
Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 213  
Galax, Va.

**CRUISERS**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 7 P.M.  
Schooley Mill Park  
12975 Halls Shop Road  
Highland, Md.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 7:30 P.M.**  
Montgomery Village Foundation  
Lawn Theater  
South Valley Park  
18850 Montgomery Village Ave.  
Montgomery Village, Md.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 7:30 P.M.**  
Mason District Park  
6621 Columbia Pike  
Annandale, Va.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 7:30 P.M.**  
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)  
Bethany Beach, Del.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 7 P.M.**  
Baker Park  
2nd St. and Carroll Parkway  
Frederick, Md.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 8 P.M.**  
Maury Stadium  
Kenmore and Hanover Sts.  
Fredericksburg, Va.

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CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE



NOTABLE QUOTES

*“As a citizen of this great nation, I feel it is my duty to convey to you just how much I was touched by the performances I witnessed this past Sunday at Person High School in Roxboro, North Carolina. Here is what it meant to me...*

*We arrived at the school on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, not really knowing what to expect.*

*At 24, I was by far one of the youngest people in the room. However, this is where my heart began to be touched. I found myself surrounded by men and women who had put their lives on the line so that I could be sitting where I was that day—a free person. Some stood around talking to the family members of soldiers who are no longer with us. Some were hardly able to walk to their chairs; others were in wheelchairs. All were heroes to me. The music began...Captain Gambone led the musicians through several scores of music; some I recognized; others I did not but (they) were beautiful just the same.*

*Just when I thought I could not be touched any more than I already had been, then came the last two performances of the afternoon—‘Armed Forces on Parade’ and ‘God Bless America.’ Prior to ‘Armed Forces on Parade,’ the wonderful narrator, Musician First Class Courtney R. Williams, invited those who had served in the Armed Forces or family members of those who had served, to stand when their respective branch of the military was announced. When ‘The United States Army’ was announced, I could not have been any prouder to stand with my grandmother as we represented my grandfather who had served our country so bravely in World War II. It was my great honor to be able to stand and salute him.*

*Next came the highlight of my afternoon, Musician First Class Shana Leigh Sullivan’s performance of ‘God Bless America.’ I was absolutely moved to tears. The combination of the beautiful music played by the band, the arrangement of the piece, and the BEAUTIFUL voice of Miss Sullivan were one of the most powerful performances I have ever had the privilege of witnessing in person. Words cannot describe to plethora of emotions I felt at that moment. It made me proud to be the granddaughter of Private First Class Earl F. Jordan, proud to be sitting amongst so many heroes, proud to be an American.*

*Thank you so much for the opportunity to witness such a life touching performance. The next time I hear that the United States Navy Band is coming to town, I will not so easily dismiss it. I will be the one going to get the tickets and inviting people to experience such a special event.”*

*Stephanie L. Brown  
Hurdle Mills, N.C.*

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*Ralph M. Gambone*

Ralph M. Gambone, Captain, USN  
Officer in Charge/Leader

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a memorable evening that featured several standing ovations.”

Standing ovations from capacity crowds have been the order of the day for each of the performing units throughout the metropolitan area and on tour.

“May I offer my thanks and appreciation for the professionalism and dedication of the Sea Chanters who came to our small community and performed as admirably as if they were in the White House singing for the president. Your investment in time and resources made a strong impression on the audience as we gave them a standing ovation. They are a credit to the Navy and bring ‘good news’ about our military men and women.” retired Army Colonel Jim Rennell.

“One of the unique aspects of a Navy Band tour concert that sets it apart from all the other premier military bands in Washington is the invitation to area high school musicians to perform a march with them. This is an experience that cannot be equaled, and it is a highlight for the students, their families and members of the community. It communicates in a very clear way to the general public that the band has a keen interest in outreach to students in the public schools and holds their contributions in very high regard.

“It is always a pleasure to hear the Navy Band in concert and to observe the connection they make with their audiences. Captain Gambone and the band never fail to enrich the listeners and to re-connect service veterans – from all branches – with the pride they carry for having served their country with honor and distinction.” Dennis W. Fisher, host for the Navy Band concert at

the University of North Texas. Fergus Prestbye wrote following a concert by Country Current. His words sum up the messages we receive. “Thanks so much for your professionalism and patriotism.” This gratitude may have found its most eloquent voice in the letter from Stephanie Brown included in this edition of fanfare.

What is generating all of this excitement? Come, hear for yourselves. Our schedule of upcoming events is available in this publication. The month of May features remembrance of those who served in World War II as we dedicate their memorial on the mall and of all patriots who have sacrificed for our freedoms as we present our special “Memorial Day Concert” at the Navy Memorial. The memorial is the site for the Concerts on the Avenue series throughout the summer. Be sure to take note of the concerts being offered there by our specialty units in the spring and fall.

We thank you, our public, for your support. Your enthusiasm continues to inspire us. As Captain Gambone commented after this year’s tour, “Patriotism, love of country and support for our military is alive and well in small towns all over our great country. It is an honor and a pleasure to be able to represent our Navy and our country on these national tours.” ff

“Without a doubt...the GREATEST band concert I have ever attended!!!!!! As a 60 plus person I’ve performed in and attended many concerts.” Gus H. Achterberg from Kemesville, N.C. “I can say with no

World War II Dedication Ceremonies and Performances

The United States Navy Band and its specialty groups will be participating in “Tribute to a Generation,” the dedication ceremonies for the National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. during Memorial Day weekend. The following is a list of performances and venues.

NAVY BAND

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2 P.M.

Dedication Ceremony  
National World War II Memorial  
The National Mall (west of 17th St.)  
Washington, D.C.

SEA CHANTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 11 A.M.

“Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving”  
Washington National Cathedral  
Massachusetts and Wisconsin Aves., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

COMMODORES

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 11 A.M.

Homecoming Stage  
National World War II Reunion  
The National Mall between 4th and 7th Sts.  
Washington, D.C.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 5:45 P.M.

Homecoming Stage  
National World War II Reunion  
The National Mall between 4th and 7th Sts.  
Washington, D.C.

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THURSDAY, MAY 27, 4:30 P.M.

Homecoming Stage  
National World War II Reunion  
The National Mall between 4th and 7th Sts.  
Washington, D.C.

Times and locations are subject to change. For up-to-date information visit [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com).

LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY

NAVY BAND & SEA CHANTERS

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 8 P.M.

Concerts & Fireworks on the Beach  
Corner of N. Division St. & the Beach  
Ocean City, Md.

COMMODORES

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 7:30 P.M.

Bandstand (Boardwalk area)  
Bethany Beach, Del.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 7:30 P.M.

Kingstown Towne Center  
5955 Kingstowne Parkway  
Kingstowne, Va.

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 7 P.M.

Sailing Emporium  
21144 Green Lane  
Rock Hall, Md.

COUNTRY CURRENT

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 7 P.M.

Memorial Park  
235 N. 3rd St.  
Chambersburg, Pa.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 7 P.M.

Springettsbury Township Park  
1501 Mount Zion Road  
York, Pa.

was even playing gigs for \$5 a night in ninth grade. My sainted mother was forced to pick me up at two in the morning because I couldn’t drive. During those years, I had the opportunity to see many of the great big bands – Woody Herman, Stan Kenton, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Maynard Ferguson, Don Ellis and others. The diverse experience I acquired in these endeavors was crucial in my being awarded a full scholarship to West Virginia University (WVU). My tenure at WVU coincided with the arrival of Richard Powell, the new trombone teacher. He formed the WVU Trombone Ensemble and it was there that I learned and grew musically performing with great musicians. Our lead player, Robert Hamrick, went on to play with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Dr. John Locke, another fine player is now the Director of Bands at University of North Carolina and others have also gone on to great musical careers. WVU gave me the necessary skills that I needed for my successful career at the Navy Band. **career positions...**When I arrived in 1976 as a trombonist in the Concert Band, the Concert Band and Ceremonial Band were separate units. There were only a few women in the band at the time and tours were long – 60 days, twice a year. There was also frequent traveling in the summer and various other out of town engagements. Having a jazz background, I played in the Dixieland Combo and substituted in the Commodores quite often. At one point, during a gapped billet, I was a full-time member of the Commodores for four months.

Making chief in 1988 was a turning point in my Navy Band career. I decided to become more involved in the organization and in the ensuing years would hold many collateral positions including the Command Fitness Coordinator, Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor and Casualty Assistance Calls Officer. In 1991 I transitioned into a full-time staff position as Audition Supervisor. To save billets I suggested combining the position of Audition Supervisor with Education and Training, and the staff position known as Career Information Program Manager was born. My next assignment was as Administrative Chief in 1994 and in 1998 Lieutenant Commander John R. Pastin asked me to apply for PAO Director when Senior Chief Musician Orin Hatton retired. The rest is history. **highlights...**I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such fine musicians for these many years. Upon leaving this great organization, most of us will never have the opportunity for the musical experience available to us here, unless of course you get that big symphony gig in the sky. I am most proud that I was able to serve the band in many different capacities and hopefully help the organization improve. I was fortunate to seek out and acquire additional training and education that has helped me prepare to meet the challenges I will face after the Navy. If I have a legacy, it will be insisting that our newsletter, fanfare, be one that professionally represents this great organization. I believe it is a product of which we can all be proud. I would like to thank the other members of PAO who really made a difference and truly believe in representing the Navy Band in the most positive and professional way possible. I will miss them all!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

The Navy Band’s new **Master Chief Musicians Margaret (Peggy) Bair** and **Wayne C. Taylor**.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO...

**Chief Musician Hal Fryer**, Public Affairs Assistant, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of service.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Contribution is a key ingredient to a successful organization. Retiring **Master Chief Musician Jon T. Youngdahl** has spent his entire Navy Band career offering his vast array of talents to consistently improve each situation he encountered. This has resulted in a better playing and working environment for the current and future generation of musicians representing the Navy Band. His beginnings as a trombonist with the Concert Band to his current position as head of the Public Affairs Office have been mixed with well-served contributions to almost every office in the band as well as a stint as trombonist with the band’s premier jazz ensemble, the Commodores. His presence will be greatly missed, but his dedication to duty is present in almost every aspect of the Navy Band.

**background...**I’m originally from Fairview, Pa., a small town west of Erie. The most constant influence on my musical career was growing up in a musical family and having my father as my music teacher. As with any situation there was good and bad news - I always had a ride to school, but couldn’t get away with anything. Throughout junior and high school I was fortunate to attend many regional and state music festivals. In fact, many of my teachers began to object because of my prolonged absences. My favorite pre-college music experience was with a jazz band run by a local music merchant that was comprised of the best musicians in the tri-county area. I really developed a love for big band jazz and



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